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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 17-29 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 17-29 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 and 17-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,158,341 to Holmberg ("Holmberg"). Applicant respectfully submits that Holmberg fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, printing in a first direction against a first boundary surface of a plurality of boundary surfaces, the step of printing in the first direction causing compression of the at least one tamp pad against the first boundary surface, the compression causing a convex side of the tamp pad to deform. In addition, Holmberg fails to teach or suggest printing in a second direction against a second boundary surface of the plurality of boundary surfaces, whereby at least one picture is transferred to the boundary surfaces, wherein compression of the at least one tamp pad causes a concave side of the tamp pad to deform. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 distinguishes over Holmberg and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Holmberg is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-7 and 17-29 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1 as anticipated by Holmberg, dependent claims 2-7 and 17-29 distinguish over Holmberg and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-7 and 17-29 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 17-20 stand rejected, under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of Holmberg. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims presented herein distinguish over the claims of Holmberg. Applicant respectfully requests that the obviousness-type double-patenting rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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